MATHLA Programme by CBSE

664. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has introduced a programme called MATHLAB for the high school students all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that proper monitoring was not done for this programme;

(d) the steps CBSE proposed to take to help students in government schools who face the same problems in some subjects as private schools; and

(e) the steps proposed by CBSE to introduce innovative schemes for the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Board has introduced the concept of Mathematics laboratory for the students from class III to X. For classes III to VIII, the schools would integrate practical skills in Mathematics as a part of the learning process. At the Secondary level (class IX and X), the Board has allotted 20 marks for practical skills in Mathematics.

(c) No, Sir. CBSE has developed a proper mechanism to monitor this programme periodically and has taken adequate measures before implementing this programme. Guidelines have been prepared for schools for setting up mathematics laboratories for classes III to IX in collaboration with the Homi Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai.

(d) To help the students in Government Schools, CBSE is interacting with the Department of Education of the Government of Delhi to empower the staff of the Directorate with required information for effective implementation of the programme followed by teachers' training programmes.

(e) CBSE prepares the textual materials and guidelines for teachers and students followed by massive teachers training programme across the country for effective implementation of innovative schemes for students.